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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 16 December 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.15 a.m. — 4083rd meeting* — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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* A briefing will be given by the Secretariat.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. — 81st PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina [42]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/549)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.63/Rev.1)
2. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [38]

3 p.m. — 82nd PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [38]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.76 (and amendments thereto in A/C.2/54/L.77 and L.78) *(item 104)*

3 p.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

   (a) High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.25 and L.75

2. The role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence [104]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.19 and L.76 (and amendments thereto in A/C.2/54/L.77 and 78)

3. Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 2000 and 2001(A/C.2/54/L.65)

4. Closure of the work of the Second Committee

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 126 (United Nations common system (A/54/30, A/54/483, A/53/688, A/54/434 and A/C.5/54/24), 150 (Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (A/53/454/Add.1, A/54/455 and A/54/490) and 172 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (A/52/252/Add.2, A/C.5/54/1/Add.2, A/54/633 and A/54/647) and item 119 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Second performance report (A/54/631 and Corr.1 and A/54/7/Add.7))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 173 (Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (A/54/252/Add.3, A/C.5/54/1/Add.3, A/54/236/Add.1 and A/54/653)) and 151 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support Account (A/54/648 and A/54/661))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.-12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57, A/52/7/Add.2, A/54/431, A/C.5/54/29, A/C.5/54/33, A/54/7/Add.5, A/C.5/54/37, A/54/7/Add.8, A/54/6/Rev.1/Add.1, A/54/7/Add.6, A/53/641, A/C.5/54/26, A/54/520 and A/54/657))

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 2 of the Statute)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 6 of the Statute)

WORKING GROUP ON ELEMENTS OF CRIME

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PART 4 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.-5 p.m.		Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PARTS 9 AND 10 OF THE STATUTE

5 p.m.-6 p.m.		Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Implementation of the programme of action for the least developed countries for the 1990s
2. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
3. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
4. Executive session on the United Nations International Partnership Trust Fund (UNFIP)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	51st meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Administrative Committee on Coordination (E/1999/123 and Add.1 and E/1999/L.61)
2. International cooperation in tax matters
3. Programme of work for the Committee on Development Policy (E/1999/L.62)
4. Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the difference relating to immunity from legal process of a Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1999/121 and E/1999/124)
5. Election of five members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

   Election of two members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting
6. Other matters

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The Permanent Mission of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and Mexico) invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development", to be held *today*, 16 December 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 16 December 1999

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on the Committee for Development Policy)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

Morning*-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Fifth Committee.

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Briefing

The Chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, H. E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), and the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), will conduct a consultative briefing with delegations in relation to the preparation of the thirty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development (8-17 February 2000) and on preparations for the special session. The briefing will be held *today*, 16 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Special event

The launching of the December 1999 issue of the *International Social Science Journal on Policy Options for Social Development*, sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place *today*, 16 December 1999, following the consultative briefing in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The presentation will be made by the editors, Ms. Inge Kaul and Mr. David Makinson.

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Special meeting

A special meeting to analyze the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers, sponsored by the Communications Coordination Committee for the United Nations, with the support of the Economic and Social Council and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will take place *today*, 16 December 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room D. H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho) will make opening remarks. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Oberver Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG) will be held *today*, 16 December 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 December 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 17 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 83rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: report of the Third Committee (A/54/595) [106]

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/54/596) [107]

3. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/54/597) [108]

4. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/54/598 and Corr.1) [109]

5. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: report of the Third Committee (A/54/599 and Corr.1 (English only)) [110]

6. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/54/600) [111]

7. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/54/601) [112]

8. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: report of the Third Committee (A/54/602) [113]

9. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/54/603) [114]

10. Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

    (a) Report of the Third Committee (A/54/604)

    (b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/672)*

11. Human rights questions: report of the Third Committee (A/54/605) [116]

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (A/54/605/Add.1)

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/54/605/Add.2)

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/54/605/Add.3)

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/54/605/Add.4)

    (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Third Committee (A/54/605/Add.5)

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Third Committee (A/54/606) [12]

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* To be issued.

3 p.m.	84th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan; the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (f) and 50]

   (a) Draft resolution (A/54/L.58)

   (b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/671)*

2. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin: draft resolution (A/54/L.47/Rev.1) [24]

3. Assistance in mine action: draft resolution (A/54/L.71) [35]

4. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte [62]

5. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [48]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/625)

   (b) Letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/629)

   (c) Draft resolution (A/54/L.36)

   (d) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/665)

6. Question of East Timor [96]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/654)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.73)

7. Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/54/L.7/Rev.2) [162]

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* To be issued.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 48th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The Disarmament Commission will hold open-ended informal consultations on its substantive agenda items and other organizational matters on Friday, 17 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal briefing on the preparations for the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be given by H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Co-chairman of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests. The briefing will be held on Friday, 17 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1999 session from 17 to 28 January 2000 in Conference Room 4. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1999/1.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Monday, 20 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Friday, 17 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Forum will be addressed by Mr. Mark Malloch-Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, on "A Vision for UNDP". Participants should be seated by 10.45 a.m. Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 15 December 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4081st meeting

The situation in Africa

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Algeria, the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belgium, Burundi, Cameroon, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mozambique, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The President made an introductory statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the President, in his capacity as the Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom, and by the representatives of China, the United States, Canada, France, Argentina, the Netherlands, Malaysia, Bahrain, Gabon, the Gambia, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Namibia and Slovenia.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Algeria, Cameroon, South Africa, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia – and the associated countries Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA countries members of the EEA, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Republic of Korea.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Sweden and Zambia, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria, Japan, Rwanda, Ukraine, Egypt, Mozambique, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Bangladesh, India, New Zealand, the Bahamas, Kenya, Colombia, Sierra Leone, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Burundi, Zambia, Norway and Indonesia.

Statements were subsequently made by the representatives of Sweden, Ireland, Belgium, Portugal, Italy and Spain.

The President made a concluding statement.

4082nd meeting

The situation in Cyprus

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/1999/1203 and Corr.1 and Add.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1249, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/1249) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1249) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1283 (1999).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

79th plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of H.E. Mr. Franjo Tudjman, President of the Republic of Croatia

The General Assembly observed one minute of silence.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon (on behalf of the African States), Bangladesh (on behalf of the Asian States), the Czech Republic (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Saint Lucia (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Luxembourg (on behalf of the Western European and other States), the United States (as host country) and Croatia.

Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers [45]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/525)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.61)

The representative of Lesotho made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/54/L.61.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, the United States, Andorra, Australia, New Zealand, the Russian Federation and Israel.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.61 as orally revised (resolution 54/114).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 45.

International recognition of the Day of Vesak: draft resolution (A/54/L.59) [174]

The representative of Sri Lanka made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.59.

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand, Singapore, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Spain, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and India.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.59 (resolution 54/115).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 174.

80th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolution (A/54/L.70) [20]

(a) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/54/L.29/Rev.1, A/54/L.66, A/54/L.67, A.54/L.68, A/54/L.69) [20 (b)]

(b) Assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/54/L.52) [20 (e)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of item 20.

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in the course of which she introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/54/L.70 and introduced draft resolution A/54/L.52.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.66.

The representative of Ukraine made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.67.

The representative of Canada made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/54/L.68.

The representative of Grenada made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.69.

The Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution A/54/L.70 would be taken at a later date to allow time for the review of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

Under sub-item (b) of agenda item 20 the Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/54/L.29/Rev.1, A/54/L.66, A/54/L.67, A/54/L.68 as orally corrected, and A/54/L.69 (resolutions 54/96 E, F, G, H, I).

Under sub-item (e) of agenda item 20, the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.52 (resolution 54/116).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Indonesia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Israel.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan and the Russian Federation.

The observer of Palestine made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The representative of Israel made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-items (a) and (e) of agenda item 20.

The Assembly was informed that action on other draft resolutions submitted or to be submitted under agenda item 20 and its sub-item (b) would be taken up at a later date.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [30]

(a) Draft resolution (A/54/L.64)

(b) Amendment (A/54/L.65)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of item 30.

The representative of Norway made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.64.

The representative of Azerbaijan made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendment to draft resolution A/54/L.64 contained in document A/54/L.65.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Armenia, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and the United States.

By 55 votes to 1, with 54 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the amendment contained in document A/54/L.65.

By 124 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.64 as amended (resolution 54/117).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 30.

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [47]

(a) Draft resolution (A/54/L.24/Rev.1)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/662)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 47.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.24/Rev.1 (resolution 54/118).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 47.

General and complete disarmament [76]

(a) Draft resolution "Q" (report of the First Committee (A/54/563, para. 64))

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/663)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 76.

By 96 votes to 1, with 11 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the eighth preambular paragraph of draft resolution Q.

By 119 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted draft resolution Q as a whole (resolution 54/54 V).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 76.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the First Committee.

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina [42]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/549)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.63/Rev.1)

The General Assembly was informed that draft resolution A/54/L.62 was postponed to a future date.

The representative of Jordan made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/54/L.63/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Croatia, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Saudi Arabia, the United States, Hungary, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, Malaysia, Liechtenstein and Pakistan.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE — 50th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(c) Trade and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.36/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on A/C.2/54/L.36 and corrected the text of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.36/Rev.1.

A statement was made by the representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.36/Rev.1, as orally corrected.

A statement was made by the representative of the United States.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of documents A/54/15 (Parts I-IV).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 97 (c).

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

The Committee was informed that the delegations of Bahrain, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritius, Myanmar and Trinidad and Tobago would have voted in favour of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.72, had they been present during the vote.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(h) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Chairman informed the Committee that no draft proposals had been submitted under this sub-item.

On the proposal of the Chairman the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of document A/54/442.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99 (h) and agenda item 99 as a whole.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 47th meeting

Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B [163]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement and orally corrected the text of the draft resolution.

The representative of Egypt, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.17.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally corrected.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Placement of new Member States for peacekeeping assessments

The representative of Pakistan, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft decisions A/C.5/54/L.20, A/C.5/54/L.21 and A/C.5/54/L.22.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decisions.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [166]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Egypt, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.18.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and the Philippines.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone [150]

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [172]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The Controller introduced the reports of the Secretary-General contained in documents A/54/455 (under agenda item 150) and A/54/633 (under agenda item 172).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/54/490 and A/54/670) respectively.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), China, Norway, Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada) and Ghana.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division and the Chief of the Finance Management and Support Service of Peacekeeping Operations replied to questions raised.

The representative of Poland, on behalf of his government, aligned himself with the statement made by Finland who spoke on behalf of the European Union.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these agenda items.

The Chairman then informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Thursday, 16 December, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mr. [illegible] yun Park (Republic of Korea).

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor [173]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/54/236/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/54/653).

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN countries) and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman then informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item, would begin on Thursday, 16 December, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ahmed H. Darwish (Egypt), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Support account

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/54/648).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/54/661).

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the United States, Bolivia, Pakistan, Egypt and Argentina.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The representative of Poland, on behalf of his government, aligned himself with the statement made by Finland who spoke on behalf of the European Union.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman then informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item, would begin on Thursday, 16 December, in the afternoon following informal consultations of agenda item 172, under the chairmanship of Ms. Dulce María Buergo Rodríguez (Cuba), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Second performance report

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/54/631 and Corr.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/54/7/Add.7).

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States, Mexico, Cuba, Canada, Pakistan, the Russian Federation and Bolivia.

The Director of the Budget Division and the Controller replied to questions raised.

The Chairman made a statement.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.58

The Director of the budget Division introduced the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.58 contained in document in A/C.5/54/41.

The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was contained in document A/54/667.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/54/L.58, the requirements of $3,407,600 would be charged against the provision of $90,387,200 for special political missions requested in section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 53/206.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized

The Director of the Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates of matters of which the Security Council is seized (A/C.5/54/39).

The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was contained in document A/54/7/Add.10.

The Chairman proposed an oral decision, which the Committee adopted, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

The Director of the Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates of the effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/54/623 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1).

The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was contained in document A/54/7/Add.9.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Pakistan.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to a question raised.

The Chairman proposed an oral decision, which the Committee adopted, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Ratification: Nicaragua (13 December 1999)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Ratification: Nicaragua (13 December 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Videoconference

The Department of Public Information (DPI) will conduct a live videoconference on the preparations for the Millennium Assembly and the Millennium Summit of the United Nations, and for the Millennium Forum, *today*, 16 December 1999, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations assembled at United Nations Headquarters, at United Nations Offices at Geneva and Vienna, and at the Resource Center for the United Nations (a non-governmental organization in San Francisco), will engage in an exchange of information with the New York panellists. Speakers will include Mr. Miles Stoby, Assistant-Secretary-General, Coordinator for Preparations for the Millennium Assembly, Executive Office of the Secretary-General; H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo, Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations; Mr. Techeste Ahderom, Co-Chair for the Millennium Forum; and Ms. Estelle Perry, Treasurer of the Millennium Forum. Ms. Thérèse Gastaut, Director of the Public Affairs Division, Department of Public Information, will moderate the videoconference.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 16 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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